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1. ON MAY 3, 1977, NOUAKCHOTT MISSION STAFFERS WHO WORK IN AND VISIT CHANCERY AND WHO LIVE IN USG COMPOUND JOYFULLY CELEBRATED COMPLETION OF HANDSOME NEW EAST PERIMETER SECURITY WALL. COMFORTING TIGHT AND REASSURING SOLIDITY OF PROSAIC BUT MOST WELCOME ADDITION TO USG REAL PROPERTY INVENTORY IN MAURITANIA HAS CONTRIBUTED IMMEASURABLY TO PEACE OF MIND OF THOSE OF US WHO WERE EXPOSED TO INTENT SCRUTINY OVER WAIST-HIGH WALL OF CURIOUS PASSERSBY SIX SHORT YARDS FROM OUR OFFICE WINDOWS.

2. THUS TWENTY-TWO MONTH PHYSICAL SECURITY IMPROVEMENT SAGA, WHICH BEGAN JULY 8, 1975 WHEN POTENTIAL PHYSICAL SECURITY THREAT/CRITICAL NEED CREATED BY MAURITANIAN GOVERNMENT STREET CONSTRUCTION WAS FIRST FLAGGED TO DEPARTMENT (VIA REF A), HAS MEANDERED THROUGH TENS OF TELEGRAMS AND LETTERS TO HAPPY ENDING. FORTUNATELY FOR TIGHT, LITTLE US OFFICIAL COMMUNITY, INTERVENING MONTHS HAVE BEEN KIND: PRESIDENTIAL DEFENDERS
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KEPT ATTACKING POLISARIO GUERILLAS AT A DISTANCE, AND LATER, NIGHTTIME PERIMETER PATROLS DISCOURAGED PROMISCUOUS USE OF SMOOTH NEW CAPITAL THOROUGHFARE BETWEEN PRESIDENTIAL AND EMBASSY PRECINCTS; BROWSING GOATS NEVER DECIDED PASTURAGE ON OUR SIDE OF KNEE-HIGH WALL WAS GREENER; STREET DOGS WHICH DID JUMP WALL PROVED NEITHER VICIOUS NOR RABID; AND GROWING STREAM OF DAYTIME PASSERSBY, THOUGH FILLED WITH INTENSE CURIOSITY

ABOUT GOINGS-ON INSIDE CHANCERY, WERE EMPTY OF ILL-WILL OR
MALICIOUS INTENT.

3. USG BUREAUCRACY DOES SURELY GRIND EXCEEDING SLOW, BUT AL-
HAMDULILLAH, IT DOES GRIND.

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